

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

--In order to be able to adjust the leveraging ratios of the drive rocker, bearing element 13 may be arranged so that it may be moved, particularly slid, in lengthwise direction 11 (shown in Figs. 2 and 3). On the other hand, Figs. 2 and 3 show an embodiment in which bearing element 13 is fixed in the brush tube in the manner of a plug. In order to allow the element to be moved, an extension of element 13 might protrude through an aperture (not shown) in the brush tube to serve as an operating element that may be used to displace bearing element 13 lengthwise in the tube. Bearing element 13 includes a ring made from elastic material that surrounds and sealingly encloses drive rocker 12. Facing the outside, the ring or bearing element 13 also extends or is located in the manner of a seal 14 along housing 6, so that the interior of housing 6, in which motor 4 is located, is insulated from brush head 2. Motor 4 is thus insulated from water that may penetrate the housing.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 7 shows an alternative connection between the bristle holder and drive rocker 12. Here, a socket-type connection is provided which transfers the drive motion of the drive rocker both perpendicular and parallel to the bristle holder's axis of rotation 18. As is shown in Fig. 7, the bristle holder end of drive rocker 12 is seated in a hole 20 in bristle holder 8 which is flared in a funnel shape or is chamfered or rounded towards driver rocker 12 to permit the corresponding angular offset between bristle holder 8 and the drive rocker. The end of drive rocker 12 is preferably also conformed as a hemispherical shell, as in the embodiment described above.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

--If ~~[[a]]~~ the receiving hole ~~[[25]]~~ 20 is slightly ovally elongated in the vertical direction, that is to say along the bristle holder's axis of rotation 18, in full oscillation only a corresponding proportion of the travel is transferred. If so desired, the rotary oscillating motion may also be restricted. For this, a hole that is slightly ovally elongated in the horizontal direction would be required. The alignment and shape of the recess in the bristle holder in which the drive rocker is seated may be used to control the motion or the transmission of the drive movement.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--As shown in Fig. 10, in order to be able to switch electric motor 4 on and off, a contact breaker 31 is provided. Contact breaker 31 is attached to chassis 27. As is shown in Figs. 9 and 10, contact breaker 31 is conformed as a rocker switch that has a hook-shaped overhang 32 for breaking contact. When it is operated in the corresponding manner, contact breaker 31 breaks the contact between a battery in battery compartment 21 and one of electrical contacts 30. In the embodiment shown, operation of contact breaker 31 causes the battery to be moved towards the rear, that is to the right in Fig. 10, so that it is removed from the electrical contact forward thereof. The length of battery compartment 29 is designed to allow the battery to be moved away from the electrical contact. Contract breaker 31 extends axially and is arranged so that it lies directly below an operation recess in the toothbrush housing. The operation recess is covered by a soft plastic membrane which seals the operation aperture in the housing and permits contact breaker 31 to function by elastic deformation (see Fig. 10). The contact breaker rocker returns under its own tension to the position that disconnects the battery from its corresponding contact. The device is arranged so that pressure may be applied through the operating recess in the contact housing either in front of or behind the location of breaker rocker, to allow operation in either direction with a simple press of the thumb.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

--Chassis 27, which together with the attached electric motor 4, the battery inserted in battery compartment 29, the electrical contacts and the switching unit in the form of contact breaker 31, constitutes a pre-assembled drive unit in the form of a drive cartridge. Chassis 27 may be inserted particularly easily from the rear into toothbrush housing 6 in a straight motion. Toothbrush housing 6 has a frontal or end opening [[33,]] through which the pre-assembled drive cartridge may be inserted, from the back.--